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New Orleans, LA 70130

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Re: MDL-1657 -- In re Vioxx Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation

(See Attached CTO-71)

Dear Ms Whyte:

I am enclosing a certified copy and one additional copy of a conditional transfer order filed by the Panel in the above-captioned matter on October 31, 2006. As stipulated in Rule 7.4(a) of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), transmittal of the order has been stayed 15 days to give any party an opportunity to oppose the transfer. The 15-day period has now elapsed, no opposition was received, and the order is directed to you for filing.

The Panel's governing statute, 28 U.S.C. §1407, requires that the transferee clerk "...transmit a certified copy of the Panel's order to transfer to the clerk of the district court from which the action is being transferred."

The Panel has ordered that its Rule 1.6(a), pertaining to transfer of files, be suspended for purposes of this litigation. Accordingly, the transferee district clerk shall request, and the transferor district clerk shall forward, only those files deemed necessary by the transferee district court.

A list of involved counsel is attached.

Very truly,

Jeffery N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel

By 

Docket Specialist

Attachments

cc: Transferee Judge: Judge Eldon E. Fallon
Transferor Judges: (See Attached List of Judges)
Transferor Clerks: (See Attached List of Clerks)

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BEFORE THE JUDICIAL PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

***IN RE VIOXX MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION***

(SEE ATTACHED SCHEDULE)

CONDITIONAL TRANSFER ORDER (CTO-71)

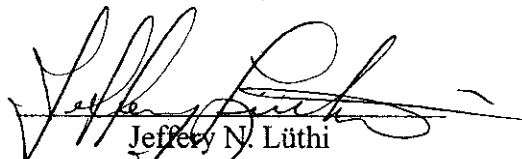
On February 16, 2005, the Panel transferred 138 civil actions to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407. *See* 360 F.Supp.2d 1352 (J.P.M.L. 2005). Since that time, 4,677 additional actions have been transferred to the Eastern District of Louisiana. With the consent of that court, all such actions have been assigned to the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon.

It appears that the actions on this conditional transfer order involve questions of fact that are common to the actions previously transferred to the Eastern District of Louisiana and assigned to Judge Fallon.

Pursuant to Rule 7.4 of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), these actions are transferred under 28 U.S.C. § 1407 to the Eastern District of Louisiana for the reasons stated in the order of February 16, 2005, and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Eldon E. Fallon.

This order does not become effective until it is filed in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana. The transmittal of this order to said Clerk shall be stayed 15 days from the entry thereof. If any party files a notice of opposition with the Clerk of the Panel within this 15-day period, the stay will be continued until further order of the Panel.

FOR THE PANEL:


Jeffrey N. Lüthi
Clerk of the Panel

Inasmuch as no objection is
pending at this time, the
stay is lifted.

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